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My Dear Friend,

Even the night before the Bayard gens, though my hand is tremulous with fatigue & my mind a good deal confused with the small favour cases that have occupied it during the day, I cannot but seize the first opportunity to thank you for your great kindness in the gift of the daguer type. I assure you I am not an ungrateful recipient. I have been enabled by the aid of the daguer type & the stereoscopic plate combined to make out for my mind's eye a very satisfactory picture of you & should be able to identify my friend at once among a multitude of others. I was not at all displeased with your stereoscopic likeness, what you term your bon air aspect being a not disagreeable appearance in my eyes. I rather like that look, & only wish I had some of it myself. Miss Pugh showed me Mary's daguer type when I was in Philadelphia, & I was much pleased with it, but it is not as good as the stereoscopic present me. Which must be admirable. I shall take the excellent opportunity afforded by the Bayard to make many of the A. S. friends acquaintance with

Your faices as they have long been
by your works. The Bazaar is spread
out & arranged & makes an ex-
tremely pretty appearance. The
Bazaar table is one of the prettiest. I
was not present when the Bazaar
box was unpacked, as I felt it a
matter of duty to accept a very friendly
invitation I had received from Mrs.
Stone to go to Andover. I found her
letter of invitation on my return
from Phil^a. She also sent £10-0-0
for the Bazaar & mentioned some
pretty things in the Paris box. She
wishes to buy. She had invited
Emerson to Andover & he had had an
unpleasant visit, & I felt that my
step on her part to cooperate with
us should be met at once. I
had a very pleasant visit indeed. I
went down in the afternoon with her
(she charming to be in Boston) & returned
the next day. We had a great deal
of free & earnest conversation on a
variety of interesting topics, & I was
glad to find that I felt not the
slightest uneasiness or constraint. I
seemed able to enter into relations
with her at once. I think her views
is right & she wishes to do her full duty
but it must be difficult for her to
do it according to my ideas of it, with
her husband a professor in Andover Theology
was remaining. Neither do I think she

as yet comprehends the necessary
radical character of the A. S. movement.
But nothing will be of more service
to her than the association with
Abolitionists to which she seems at
present, warmly to incline. I have
never laughed over one or two letters of
Mrs. Massie's about the Professor. He
really judges the poor man too hard.
I have no idea what he is as
Abolitionist, but I dare say he
thinks he is. I am the more amused
at what Mr. Chapin says about him,
because he seemed anxious to gentle
lighten up at the mention of her name.
I assured me she was a Christian, as
if that was a statement he could
hardly make ~~any~~ about most of
the people I had been speaking of.
He believes Mr. Thoreau will give \$300
to Drayton to buy a printing press. He
has asked her for it & tho' she very
much disapproves of his entire course,
he yet makes undue excuse for him
on account of his colour & persecution
suffer. She thinks him morbid, semi-
lunatic &c. but is not aware how serious
& how misguided he is.

Mr. Garrison has just
received a letter from Mr. Thompson
which is very satisfactory. He seems
to think it would be well for him to
labour in the Cause in England for 9
months so, & then revisit this country.
I hope this arrangement may succeed.

I rejoice that he is once more
in his appropriate sphere. Mr Ma
has shown me his letter to Mary
which greatly amused me. Why
L. Tappan should disavow Hemming
I cannot tell.

I wish I could write dear Mr
Estlin, a great many pages, but
I have so long a day before me
from now, that I shall sit up no longer.
I am truly grateful for your
amended heart & trust to hear
better & better accounts.

Very warm love to Mary from
whom I hope to hear more and longer
when she has leisure. Please thank
Mr. Mitchell for her letter which I
shall answer the moment my
time permits.

I hope for success the coming
week, but I have no peace of mind
wanting anxiety. I have done all
I could & must learn the result.
In the absence of so many helpers
there is always room for doubt, inde-
pendent of other reasons for failure.
We miss Caroline very much, but
Mr May & her son are a host in
themselves. Without Mr M. there
could be no Bazaar.

Believe me, very affectionately
your friend A. L. Weston.